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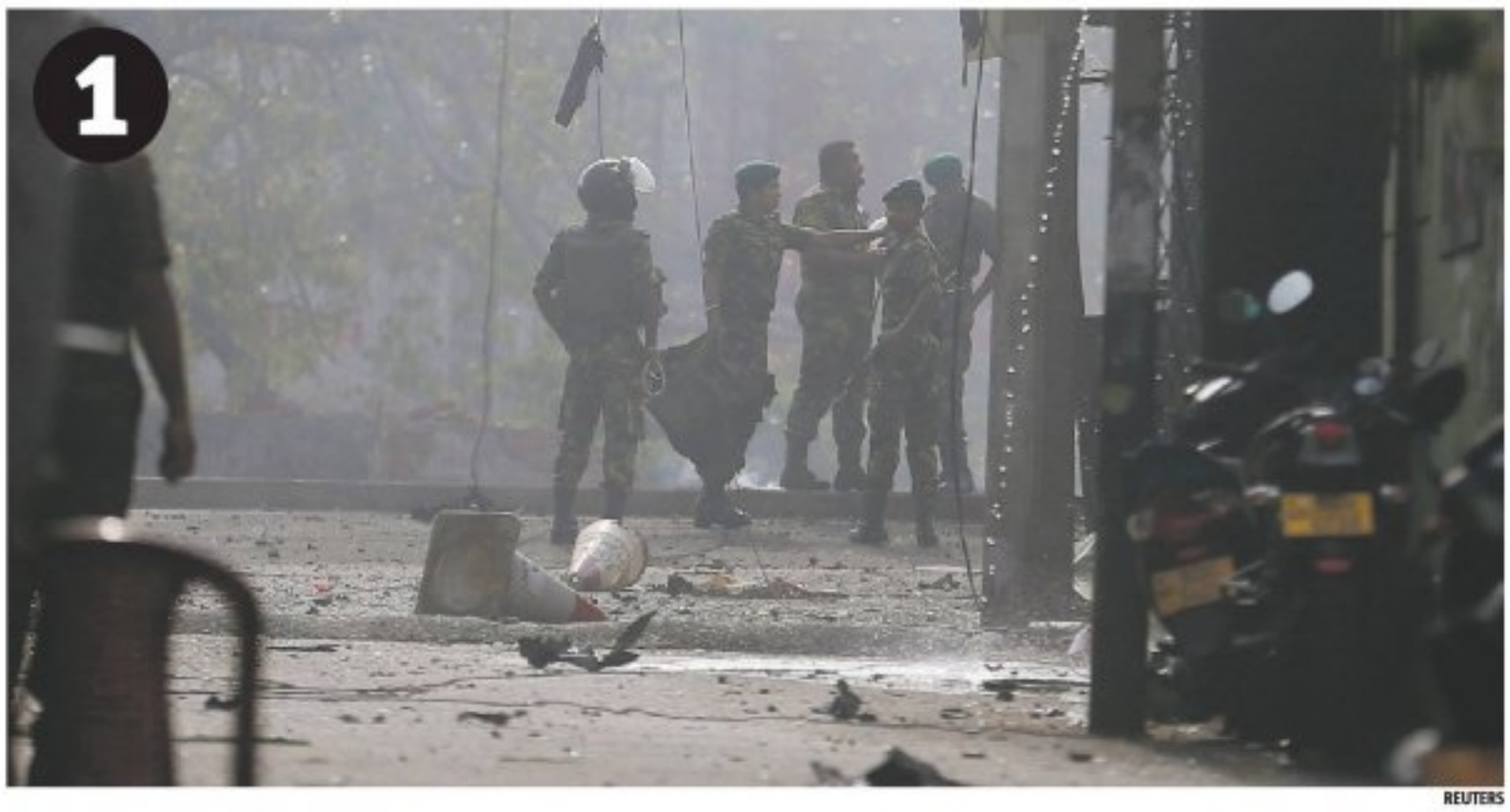

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Sri Lanka said on Monday it was invoking emergency powers in the aftermath of devastating bomb attacks on hotels and churches, blamed on militants with foreign links, which killed 290 people and wounded nearly 500.

The emergency law, which gives police and the military extensive powers to detain and interrogate suspects without court orders, would go into effect at midnight local time, the president's office said.

Colombo, the seaside capital of the Indian Ocean island, was jittery the day after the horrifying Easter Sunday attacks. Police said 87 bomb detonators were found at the city's main bus station, while an explosive went off near a church when bomb squad officials were trying to defuse it. Scores were killed in the church on Sunday.

A night curfew went into effect at 8 p.m.

There was no claim of responsibility for Sunday's attacks but suspicion was focusing on Islamist militants in the Buddhist-majority country.

Investigators said seven suicide bombers took part in the attacks, while a government spokesman said an international network was involved.

Police had received a tip-off of a possible attack on churches by a little-known domestic Islamist group this month, according to a document seen by Reuters.

The intelligence report, dated April 11, said a foreign intelligence agency had warned authorities of possible attacks on churches by the National Thawheed Jama'ut. It was not immediately clear what action, if any, was taken in response to the tip-off.

International anti-terrorism experts said even if a local group had carried out the attacks, it was likely that al Qaeda or Islamic State were involved, given the level of sophistication.

Two of the suicide bombers blew themselves up at the Shangri-La Hotel on Colombo's seafront, said Ariyananda Welianga, an official at the government's forensic division. The others targeted three churches and two other hotels.

A fourth hotel and a house in a suburb of the capital Colombo were also hit, but it was not immediately clear how those attacks were carried out.

"Still the investigations are going on," Welianga said.

Police said 24 people had been arrested, all of whom were Sri Lankan, but they gave no more details. Most of the attacks came during Easter services and when hotel guests were sitting down for breakfast buffets.

"Guests who had come for breakfast were lying on the floor, blood all over," an employee at Kingsbury Hotel told Reuters.

A fifth-grader among the Americans killed

A fifth-grade student at an exclusive private school in Washington, D.C., and a Denver man on a business trip were among the U.S. residents killed in the Sri Lanka Easter attacks, a media report and the man's employer said on Monday.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said "several" Americans were killed without providing a precise number.

Kieran Shafritz de Zoysa, a fifth-grader at Sidwell Friends, died in one of the blasts, the school emailed to friends and family, according to CNN. Fifth-graders are around 10 years old. Staff at the school did not respond to requests for confirmation.

"Passionate about learning, he adored his friends, and was incredibly excited about returning to Sidwell Friends in the coming school year," school principal Mamadou Gueye wrote in the email, CNN reported.

The boy's citizenship was unknown.

Sidwell Friends is the school where President Barack Obama's daughters Sasha and Malia and President Bill Clinton's daughter Chelsea attended.

Dieter Kowalski, a Wisconsin native who lived in Denver, was also among the victims. He was on a business trip for the British education publishing company Pearson, which has 800 employees in Sri Lanka.

"Dieter had just arrived at his hotel, where many of our colleagues have stayed over the years, when he was killed in an explosion," Pearson CEO John Fallon said on LinkedIn.

All other Pearson employees in Sri Lanka have been accounted for, Scott Overland, a Pearson spokesman, wrote in an email.

A senior leader on a technical services team, Kowalksi was on assignment to work with local Pearson engineering teams, Fallon said. "Colleagues who knew Dieter well talk about how much fun he was to be around, how big-hearted and full-spirited he was. They tell of a man to whom we could give our ugliest and most challenging of engineering problems, knowing full well that he would jump straight in and help us figure it out," Fallon said.

Kowalski himself appeared enthusiastic about his trip, posting a map on Facebook showing the path from Denver to Colombo.

"And the fun begins. Love these work trips. 24 hours of flying. See you soon Sri Lanka!" Kowalski said in his final Facebook post on Friday.

The comments section became a forum for condolences from more than 200 people. REUTERS

Trump sues to block Congress finance subpoena

2 President Donald Trump on Monday filed suit to keep U.S. lawmakers from obtaining his financial records, the first salvo in what promises to be an escalating legal battle with Democrats in Congress. The suit seeks to block a subpoena issued by the Democratic chairman of the U.S. House Oversight Committee for information about Trump's personal and business finances, alleging Democrats have launched "all-out political war" on Trump with subpoenas as their "weapon of choice." Elijah Cummings, the House Oversight Committee chairman, issued the subpoena to the president's accountant after Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, testified to Congress in February that Trump had misrepresented his net worth. "Chairman Cummings' subpoena is invalid and unenforceable because it has no legitimate legislative purpose," Trump's lawyers said in a filing. REUTERS

Samsung delays public rollout of Galaxy Fold

3 Samsung said on Monday it will delay the public rollout of its Galaxy Fold without giving a new release date. The announcement comes days after some reviewers of the splashy $1,980 foldable handset reported problems with their test units after just a day or two of use. Samsung postponed media events for the device planned for this week in Hong Kong and Shanghai. "To fully evaluate this feedback and run further internal tests, we have decided to delay the release of the Galaxy Fold," a Samsung rep said. Instead of plaudits ahead of the phone's previously planned launch on April 26 in the U.S., the South Korean conglomerate has been blighted by technology journalists reporting breaks, bulges and blinking screens, raising the specter of the combustible Galaxy Note 7 three years ago which the firm ultimately pulled from shelves at massive cost. REUTERS

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One dead, seven wounded in three Easter Sunday shootings

Police are asking for information in all three incidents.

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Philadelphia police are investigating three separate shootings that left one person dead and seven injured on Easter Sunday.

The fatal shooting took place in North Philadelphia on the 2200 block of Cecil B. Moore Avenue at about 10:30 p.m. Police responded to a report of a "person with a gun," and found a 37-year-old man bleeding out from chest wounds on the street next to a 1997 green Honda CRV, according to Philly.com.

A 27-year-old man sat behind the wheel of the vehicle also suffered gunshot wounds to the chest, cops said. The older man was taken to Temple University Hospital, where he died at about 12:04 a.m. The younger victim was taken to Hahnemann University Hospital and is said to be in critical condition.

A separate drive-by shooting occurred earlier Sunday evening, at about 10 p.m. outside a Chinese takeout restaurant on the 1500 block of South 31st Street in Grays Ferry, according to the Associated Press.

Authorities said someone had fired a gun from a car, wounding four people outside a South Philadelphia takeout restaurant. The shooter reportedly opened fire from a Nissan Altima, hitting a 36-year-old woman in the elbow and a 16-year-old girl in the legs. A 23-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman were also injured during the shooting. Paramedics took the 36-year-old woman who had been shot in the elbow and 23-year-old man, who had four bullet wounds to his right leg, to Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.

Shortly after, the 16-year-old and 18-year-old arrived at the emergency room of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, each suffering a gunshot wound to a leg. All four victims were reported to be in stable condition. Police found numerous shell casings and seven bullet fragments at the scene, according to Philly.com.

Sunday's violence began on the 100 block of South 49th Street in West Philadelphia at about 2:25 p.m. Sunday. Police said bullets hit a 23-year-old man's legs and buttocks and struck the torso of a 22-year-old man multiple times. Officials took the victims to Penn Presbyterian, where both were reported to be in stable condition.

No arrests have been made in any of the three instances, and police are asking the public to help provide any information.

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CSS failed to show that placement freeze amounted to religious persecution or bias, the court said. GETTY IMAGES

Court rules city can exclude foster agency that won't work with same-sex couples

Mayor Jim Kenney hailed the decision as a victory for the city.

Philadelphia can exclude a Catholic foster care agency from a program for placing children with foster families because it refuses to work with same-sex couples, a federal appeals court ruled on Monday.

In a 3-0 decision, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Catholic Social Services (CSS) failed to show that the placement freeze amounted to religious persecution or bias, violating its First Amendment rights to free speech and religious freedom.

Circuit Judge Thomas Ambro said Philadelphia was trying merely to stop what it considered a "clear violation" of a city anti-discrimination law covering sexual orientation, making a preliminary injunction inappropriate.

"The question in our case is ... whether CSS was treated differently because of its religious beliefs," Ambro wrote. "Based on the record before us, that question has a clear answer: No."

Catholic Social Services is part of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Lori Windham, a lawyer from the Becket nonprofit representing the agency, called the decision "devastating" to hundreds of foster children waiting for placements and parents waiting to foster a child. "We will continue this fight."

Jim Kenney, Philadelphia's mayor, welcomed the decision.

"Philadelphia is a welcoming, inclusive city that values the diversity of its residents," Kenney said in a statement. "This policy is the embodiment of those values."

The case reflects persistent tensions in the United States between advocates for religious groups seeking exemptions from anti-discrimination laws, and civil rights advocates who call exemptions a license to discriminate.

Ten U.S. states let state-licensed child welfare agencies refuse placements and services that conflict with their religious beliefs, according to the nonprofit Movement Advancement Project.

The Philadelphia dispute arose in March 2018 when the city suspended referrals after a newspaper report about Catholic Social Services' policy of turning away same-sex couples.

U.S. District Judge Petrese Tucker in Philadelphia refused last July to issue an injunction.

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The next month, the U.S. Supreme Court without explanation denied the agency's request to intervene, after Catholic Social Services warned that a freeze threatened its closure.

Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch, all from the court's conservative wing, said they would have granted the agency's request.

The agency drew support for Monday's appeal from Texas and seven other Republican-led states, and from 42 Republican lawmakers including Sen. Ted Cruz and House Minority Whip Steve Scalise.

Massachusetts and 16 other mostly Democratic-led states, as well as Washington, D.C., supported Philadelphia.

The case is Fulton v. Philadelphia et al, 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 18-2574.

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Under new law, sheriff gets guns from alleged abusers

Pennsylvania recently passed a new law to get guns out of the hands of accused batterers, fast. Act 79, the first new gun control-related law to pass Harrisburg in years, took effect earlier this month.

Philadelphia Sheriff Jewell Williams praised the law, under which guns and weapons now can be removed from an alleged domestic abuser's possession within 24 hours of a Protection from Abuse (PFA) order, and said it makes families safer.

"Our concern is that in the immediate time frame, that family is safe," Williams said. "Imagine it's cold out, there's a family with children that's just run out of the house with no coats or shoes on to get away from danger. We pick them up, we bring the whole family back to the house, we remove the bad guy and the guns and we make it safe."

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for more than 1,000 firearms confiscated from accused batterers due to Protection from Abuse orders. Their office's Warrant Unit can execute Protection from Abuse orders signed by a judge 24/7, Williams said.

"You call, we haul," Williams said. "If it's a sword, if it's a handgun, if it's grandmom's old shotgun, it's still a weapon and they should fully disclose all the weapons in the house. He may have two antique Colt 45s and they may not want to see him lose his antique guns, but if they're operable, we've got to take them. It could cost them their life *[sic]*."

Under the old PFA statute, people against whom a PFA was issued were not required to have guns removed from the home for 60 days. They could also store weapons with a trusted friend or family member. Under Act 79, a PFA imposes a 24-hour deadline for removal of weapons and requires any weapons be stored with a law enforcement agency, licensed dealer or lawyer. Victims in Philadelphia can also go to their local police districts to request enforcement of a PFA and removal of weapons, but Williams said his Warrant Unit gets a high percentage of the calls to enforce these orders.

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> **Jewell Williams, Philadelphia sheriff**

Shira Goodman, executive director of Ceasefire PA, said she believes Act 79 will "save lives."

"Statistics show the most dangerous time is when someone files that PFA order, is trying to separate, trying to leave," Goodman said. "Police and the sheriff would tell you, not just in Philadelphia but other counties, some of the most dangerous calls for officers are domestic calls, wondering if somebody has a gun. ... I hope very much that we're going to see reduced domestic homicides by firearms under this new law."

While deputy sheriffs typically only remove a gun or two, there have been some cases where multiple duffel bags full of guns are removed. In one case, it took two days to remove all the weapons from a gun enthusiast's home.

"We do this every day. We're not making a judgment if this person is guilty or innocent, we're enforcing the order," said Sheriff's Office Deputy Chief Paris Washington. "The courts determine whether they get them back, whether it's vacated, or whether it lasts longer."

People against whom a PFA is ordered are not necessarily convicted of any crime, the sheriff stressed. If the PFA is lifted, they will get their gun(s) back in the original condition. All confiscated weapons are stored by the Sheriff's Office in temperature-controlled environments to protect the weapons from any damage or decay at a confidential location under armed guard.

Ultimately, removing guns while a PFA is active is vital because it is a time when there is a high risk for violence, Sheriff Williams said.

"It's a cooling-out period. It's a period to say hey, collect yourself, check yourself, and we want to take that gun away from you temporarily," Williams said. He compared a PFA to a gunlock — 11,500 of which were distributed by his office in 2018. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Cain withdraws from consideration for Federal Reserve seat

Cain's bid for president in 2012 was derailed by accusations of sexual harassment.

President Donald Trump said on Monday that businessman and former presidential candidate Herman Cain had withdrawn from consideration for a seat on the Federal Reserve Board.

Four Republican senators voiced opposition to Trump's expected nomination of Cain in recent weeks, likely enough to deny Cain the support he needed to secure Senate confirmation for the post.

Economists and critics have expressed concerns about loyalists of Trump serving on the traditionally nonpartisan central bank.

Cain has been a public advocate of many of Trump's policies, as has Stephen Moore, a fellow at the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank, whom Trump has also said he wants to nominate for one of two vacant seats on the seven-member Fed Board of Governors in Washington.

"My friend Herman Cain, a truly wonderful man, has asked me not to nominate him for a seat on the Federal Reserve Board. I will respect his wishes."
President Donald Trump

But Cain had vowed to fight on in several interviews, and had said he was under attack as a nominee because he is a conservative. Cain's bid for president in 2012 was derailed by accusations of sexual harassment that he has repeatedly denied.

"My friend Herman Cain, a truly wonderful man, has asked me not to nominate him for a seat on the Federal Reserve Board. I will respect his wishes. Herman is a great American who truly loves our Country!" Trump said in a Twitter post.

Cain did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Monday.

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that could lead to runaway debt, hyperinflation and financial instability.

Trump elevated Jerome Powell to Fed chairman a year ago but has frequently criticized him for the U.S. central bank's interest rate increases.

The central bank's other top policymakers head the Fed's 12 regional banks and are chosen by local boards of directors, not the U.S. president.

Cain, the former head of the Godfather's Pizza restaurant chain, had served as chairman of the Kansas City Fed's board in the mid-1990s in a role that also provides the regional bank with input on the local economy.

The Fed in March brought a three-year rate-hike cycle to an abrupt end as it abandoned projections for any further rate increases this year.

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Supreme Court takes up major gay, transgender job discrimination cases

Trump's administration has argued that Title VII does not cover sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to decide whether U.S. law banning workplace discrimination on the basis of sex protects gay and transgender workers, as the conservative-majority court waded into a fierce dispute involving a divisive social issue.

At issue in the high-profile legal fight is whether gay and transgender people are covered by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex as well as race, color, national origin and religion. President Donald Trump's administration has argued that Title VII does not cover sexual orientation or gender identity.

The court, whose 5-4 conservative majority includes two Trump appointees, will take up two cases concerning gay people who have said they were fired due to their sexual orientation, one involving a New York skydiving instructor named Donald Zarda and another involving a former county child-welfare services coordinator from Georgia named Gerald Bostock.

The court also will hear a Detroit funeral home's bid to reverse a ruling that it violated federal law by firing a transgender funeral director named Aimee Stephens after Stephens revealed plans to transition from male to female.

The justices will hear arguments and issue a ruling in their next term, which starts in October.

Trump's administration reversed the approach taken under Democratic former President Barack Obama by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), which enforces federal laws banning workplace discrimination.

"The American public would be shocked if the Supreme Court ruled that it's perfectly legal to fire someone because she is transgender or lesbian. That doesn't fit with American values of fair play and the idea that you should be judged on your work and not on who you are," said James Esseks, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union, which represents two of the employees.

The Title VII fight marks the court's first major test on a contentious social issue since Trump's appointee Brett Kavanaugh joined it in October after a difficult Senate confirmation process.

Kavanaugh replaced retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, a conservative noted for supporting gay rights, and could provide a pivotal vote on the issue. Kennedy wrote the court's 5-4 2015 ruling legalizing gay marriage nationally, a landmark for U.S. gay rights, and its important 2003 ruling striking down laws criminalizing gay sex.

Kavanaugh's approach to gay rights is unknown, having not been involved in any major cases on the issue as an appeals court judge before becoming a justice. Trump's other Supreme Court appointee is fellow conservative Neil Gorsuch.

Trump, a Republican with strong support among evangelical Christian voters, has taken aim at gay rights and transgender rights. His Justice Department at the Supreme Court supported the right of certain businesses to refuse to serve gay people on the basis of religious objections to gay marriage.

His administration also restricted transgender service members in the military and rescinded protections regarding bathroom access for transgender students in public schools. REUTERS

U.S. soldiers walk next to the border fence between Mexico and the U.S., as migrants are seen walking behind the fence, after crossing illegally into the U.S. to turn themselves in, in El Paso, Texas. The writing on the wall reads, "Help us Jesus Christ." REUTERS

Leader of armed group boasted of assassination training targeting Obama, Hillary Clinton

The leader of an armed group stopping undocumented migrants who cross into the United States from Mexico had boasted that his members had trained to assassinate former President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, an FBI agent said in court papers on Monday.

Larry Hopkins was arrested Saturday on a weapons charge. His camouflage-wearing, armed United Constitutional Patriots members claim to have helped U.S. officials detain some 5,600 migrants in New Mexico in the last 60 days.

The UCP says its two-month presence at the border is intended to support U.S. Border Patrol, which has been overwhelmed by record numbers of Central American families seeking asylum.

Critics including the American Civil Liberties Union accuse the UCP of being a "fascist militia" whose members illegally detain and kidnap migrants by impersonating law enforcement. New Mexico's Democratic governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, on Friday ordered an investigation of the group. She said "menacing or threatening migrant families and asylum-seekers is absolutely unacceptable and must cease."

The FBI in court papers said that while it was investigating allegations of "militia extremist activity" in 2017, witnesses accused Hopkins of saying the UCP was planning to assassinate Obama, former Democratic presidential candidate Clinton and financier George Soros.

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Armed United Constitutional Patriots members claim to have helped U.S. officials detain some 5,600 migrants in New Mexico in the last 60 days.

On Monday, Hopkins appeared in court in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to face charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The FBI said it found guns during a 2017 visit to his home.

Defense attorney Kelly O'Connell said Hopkins planned to plead not guilty and noted that the charges were unrelated to UCP's actions at the border.

"This is not even dealing with what's going on right here," O'Connell said.

UCP spokesman Jim Benvie previously said the group was helping the U.S. Border Patrol and publicizing the "border crisis." He was not immediately available for comment.

Crowdfunding sites PayPal and GoFundMe last week barred the group, citing policies not to promote hate or violence, after the ACLU called the UCP a "fascist militia."

FBI Special Agent David Gabriel said in a criminal complaint filed on Monday that in October 2017 the agency received reports a militia was being run out of Hopkins' home in Flora Vista, New Mexico.

PISTOLS, RIFLES

When agents entered the home they collected nine firearms, ranging from pistols to rifles, that Horton was illegally in possession of as he had at least one prior felony conviction, according to the complaint. The FBI said in court papers that in 2006, Hopkins was convicted of criminal impersonation of a peace officer and felony possession of a firearm, and that in 1996 he was also convicted on a firearms charge. REUTERS

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— **Anonymous**, *Metro US reader*

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Trop it like it's hot

Head to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City to indulge in an incredibly special getaway.

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Summer is almost here, and pretty soon flocks of Philadelphians will be jetting down to the popular shore town Atlantic City to soak up the sun and hit the beach. If you're looking for where to stay, Metro has got you covered. The Tropicana Casino has always been a top spot for beachgoers and out-of-towners (not to mention the locals who frequent the popular casino frequently as well), but the impressive establishment has taken their exciting spot up a notch with new dining venues and an upgraded Sea Spa.

The Sea Spa reopened last November, and thousands of guests have already taken advantage of the incredible services at this high-class establishment located in the Chelsea Tower. According to a release, the Sea Spa draws inspiration from the nourishing and healing properties of the sea and salt to restore the body's perfect balance. The extensive and customizable spa menu includes a variety of choices with packages tailored specifically to men, women, couples, and wedding and bachelor and bachelorette parties.

Services include classic Swedish massages, hot stone massages, marine body scrubs, Sea Spa algae wraps, prenatal massages and much more. Purchasing any of the treatments also gets you complimentary access to the Spa's solarium which includes a jacuzzi, sauna, steam room, lounge chairs plus heated marble benches and floors.

"We're thrilled to continue offering more non-gaming amenities for our guests," said Steve Callender, general manager of Tropicana Atlantic City. "We're excited to welcome the spa's loyal customers back while attracting new ones."

Aside from being state-of-the-art, the Sea Spa is an overall incredibly relaxing experience. It brings the phrase "treat yourself" to another level and if you need some pampering (let's face it, we all do), make your reservation today — you can thank me later.

The Tropicana also has a plethora of delicious and gourmet dining destinations, but the newly opened Golden Dynasty and Il Verdi spots certainly cannot be missed.

Golden Dynasty is truly an exceptional treat. From the moment you walk in the door, you know your meal there is going to be nothing short of incredible. The decor, the service and attention to detail are all intricately impressive, and the food is unlike any other Asian-fusion spot around. Almost everything is house-made, from the egg rolls and the sauce to the delectable almond cookies they serve you complimentary with your bill. This hot spot features four private dining rooms and additional seating with over 75 seats throughout the establishment, but making a reservation is highly recommended (it's already wildly popular, and for good reason).

Now let's talk about Il Verdi. Wow. Dining at this Italian eatery feels like you've stepped into a movie. The atmosphere and aesthetic are gorgeously upscale, yet the waitstaff and managers make you feel more than comfortable, almost as if you were dining at a friend's home. It's this contrast that creates the unbelievable experience you get at Il Verdi. The food is indulgently delicious as well. From the bread and pasta to the cannolis, everything is absolutely sublime.

So if you're planning a weekend getaway, a summertime trip, or you just want to treat yourself, head to the Tropicana to truly indulge and unwind.

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Here comes the fun

East Passyunk hot spot Le Virtù is offering incredible events throughout the spring and summer.

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Spring and summer are wonderful seasons full of outdoor activities, events and fun. There's nothing like kicking back with a group of friends while sipping on specialty drinks, indulging in seasonal food and soaking in the warm weather. East Passyunk hot spot Le Virtù knows the deal, and they are inviting everyone to come out and enjoy their Feste al Fresco Series, a schedule of informal gatherings celebrating community, conviviality, old-fashioned neighborhood fun and sagres (Italian food-oriented festivals).

According to a release, owners Francis Cratil-Cretarola and Cathy Lee, along with Chef Damon Menapace, want to welcome the warmer weather with seasonal dishes, outdoor barbecues, rock-and-roll performances, movie screenings, and the official opening of their lively and lush garden space.

Starting on May 1, the authentic Abruzzese restaurant will restart their outdoor movie program on a large drop-down screen in the garden. Le Virtù will also be serving up a themed drink or food special to echo the spirit of the movie. The full schedule of movies will be announced in May but the first few include: "Big Night" (May 1), "Nights of Cabiria" (May 8), "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" (May 15), "Caro Diario" (May 22), "Il Postino" (May 29), "Marriage Italian Style" (June 5), "Divorce Italian Style" (June 12), "Bicycle Thieves" (June 19) and "Il Sorpasso" (June 26). Movie screenings will begin at 8 p.m. every Wednesday during the spring and summer season (schedule and weather permitting).

Le Virtù's incredible garden space. LE VIRTÙ

But the fun is only just starting at this popular eatery. On May 2, June 27 and August 22, Le Virtù is partnering with Heather Thomason from Primal Supply Meats to host three backyard meat-centric sagres (food festivals) in their garden. The enticing edible options for these festivals will feature grilled meats and sausages, Italian street foods, salads and sides, local canned craft beers, and Italian white and red wines. Everything will be priced between $5 and $10 and there will be vegetarian-friendly items as well. The exciting festivals start at 6 p.m. and will go on until the food runs out, so be sure to come hungry. Live music will be provided by Pat Finnerty and The Full Band. The locally famous group will be performing an eclectic mix of interesting covers from The Beatles to The Roots.

Be sure to mark down August 13 in your calendars as well: Chef Menapace will be teaming up with Chef Brad Spence from Amis Trattoria for an Italian-style pig roast. Any guest interested can pay $35 and indulge in a smorgasbord of comfort foods, including maialini (suckling pigs), pig heads, pulled pork, sides of broccoli rabe, pickled veggies, pasta salads and much more. The best part? To take this already-exciting event up a notch, Le Virtù will feature a hand-carved ice luge to funnel selected liquors, including some of brother Fred's authentic house-made Forte e Gentile digestive. Canned beer and wine will also be sold throughout the event.

So if you thought your spring and summer were going to be boring this year, think again. Le Virtù is the place to be during this delightful warm season and the East Passyunk hot spot is certainly not holding back.

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Skull Fist avoid thinking of fame

Vocalist Zach Slaughter chatted with Metro about his way of seeing music.

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Members of the heavy metal band Skull Fist. PROVIDED

Skull Fist are a heavy metal band formed in 2006 in Toronto, Ontario. Vocalist and guitarist Zach Slaughter talked about the time they are going through and how he feels after undergoing several surgeries.

"During the last two or three years, there were many surgeries. I'm back and stronger than ever," Slaughter said. "I went through a difficult personal moment, but that's how life works sometimes. You cannot win every battle, you just have to keep pushing to win the majority. You have to minimize the loss but not eliminate it. I feel strong."

Despite his positive attitude in life, the musician avoids thinking about the evolution of Skull Fist. "I do not know, I never think about that. I only think about personal progress, I suppose. I spend all my time on that [laughs]. Music is just a way to express thoughts about different topics and eliminate them from my brain. At the end, I put them into a song and then they are buried in the ground [laughs]. I like it this way. I'm fine with what happens to the band in any way, as long as I can continue making music. I do not care about our popularity."

In a joking tone, the guitarist pointed out that he sometimes has to pretend while being onstage. "Sometimes I do not have a lot of energy and I usually pretend, but I do not like to interact if I do not feel like it. I mean, I'm just there because music is entertainment, and maybe the lyrics are something that you agree with. I think if I go up and pretend to be excited and I'm not, that would not be fair to the people. I think people can understand that, everyone has so many different feelings and emotions all the time."

> **"I have no idea what is being done in music. I just like to do it! It's good to put the thoughts on tracks and release them."**
>
> Zach Slaughter

Zach Slaughter is usually quite direct, and he shared what he likes about music.

"I like the music that I like and I do not care if other people like something else. I think it's great that vinyl is back. I do not see a difference in quality when it is digitally recorded and then transferred to vinyl, but it's fun that people have the option to listen to music in different formats," he concluded.

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'This is just not network TV'

Richard Kind sat down with Metro to chat about season 3 of IFC's dark comedy "Brockmire."

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"Brockmire" season 3 is playing now on IFC. KIM SIMMS/IFC

IFC's hit show "Brockmire," starring Hank Azaria and Richard Kind, follows the story of a once-famed Major League Baseball announcer who falls from grace — hard. "Brockmire" is dark, hilarious and, most importantly, does not hold back. Kind signed on for the third season as Azaria's laid-back foil, and he certainly has made an impact on-screen. Kind sat down with Metro to give us the scoop on the third season of the show and his character, and also to explain why "Brockmire" is most certainly not for network TV.

This is your first season of the show. What can you tell me about your character?
He's very laid-back. I thought it was a very interesting dynamic. Everybody is very aggressive on this show, starting with Brockmire. They are all confrontational, and I'm just water off the duck's back — very laid-back throughout the whole thing. The first paragraph [of the season premiere's script] informed me of that. For some reason, and I think this is sort of imposed in the script, Hank was just annoyed by me. They wrote it to be an adversarial character as is every character on "Brockmire," but I'm annoying because of my attitude. But I'm not so hateful. He probably hates me because I'm a good guy.

I know that you are also friends with Hank Azaria. Were you around when the show was created?
I was around when the character was first thought of. We used to gather as friends around coffee or lunch, and Hank would do the character and we would all join in. Many years later, maybe 10 to 20 years later, somebody said, "You know, this would make a great movie." And Hank agreed. We couldn't get it as a movie, but they picked it [up] as a TV show. So I was around for the creation of the character but not for the movie or TV show. I had nothing to do with it. For the third season, I auditioned for the role, and they gave it to me.

This season, "Brockmire" is trying to better himself. How do you think this third season compares to the first two? Can fans still expect the same Brockmire and all of his antics?
I think the tone of the show is as cynical and dark and deeply, sadly funny as the first two seasons. Even though he is sober now, he continues to be a real jerk.

How would you describe the show to someone who has never seen it?
Have you ever seen the cover of "National Lampoon" [magazine] where it has a gun to a dog's head and it says, "If you don't buy this magazine, we'll kill this dog?" It's a very famous cover, and that describes it all. If you don't watch this show, we may kill some of the actors. I'm kidding. It's a dark and cynical and distinctly funny show. Not because it's politically incorrect, but it's just not network TV. We pride ourselves on that.

What makes it "not network" in your eyes?
Because some people don't like the ease of a situational comedy, where the laughs come every three lines and there are laugh tracks. Some people like something different, and I don't think a character like this would ever make it on network TV. There used to be a show years ago that was quite great and brilliant called "Buffalo Bill," with Dabney Coleman. It was a very funny show and very dark, but it only lasted one season. That's what network TV can't handle. If you look up the show, you will see the type of humor that this was.

So you would put this show in the dark comedy category. Do you think some people might get turned off by that?
Absolutely, we wear that badge with pride. If you watch the first three episodes and it's not your cup of tea, do not continue. But I encourage you to watch the first couple of episodes, and if you like the tone and you like the comedy, the show just keeps getting better.

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Sparks flew shortly after Joel Embiid's hard foul on Jarrett Allen in Game 4. GETTY IMAGES

Sixers likely to face tightly-called Game 5 vs. Nets

A chaotic Game 4 could result in active officials as the 76ers try to close out Brooklyn tonight.

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Game 1 certainly seems like a long time ago.

After surprisingly dropping the series opener last week, the Philadelphia 76ers racked off three straight wins and are within one victory of eliminating the Brooklyn Nets from the postseason as they prepare for Game 5 tonight at Wells Fargo Center.

Even with two days off between Games 4 and 5, the Sixers, Nets and league are still sifting through the rubble of Saturday afternoon's affair that featured the ejections of Jimmy Butler and Jared Dudley in a fracas surrounding another hard Joel Embiid foul on Jarrett Allen.

It somewhat marred a Sixers come-from-behind win that saw them trailing for approximately 26 of the final 28 minutes of the game, with two huge 3-pointers from JJ Redick and Mike Scott lifting Philadelphia in the final minute.

Yet the officiating is the main topic of conversation heading into Game 5.

Nets general manager Sean Marks was fined $25,000 and suspended from attending Game 5 in Philadelphia after entering the officials' locker room following Game 4.

Per ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski, Marks was "livid" that Embiid was not administered a Flagrant 2 after his hack in the third quarter against a driving Allen, which would have resulted in a suspension.

The Philadelphia star's actions, coupled with his elbow on Allen during Game 2, sparked a scuffle under the Nets' basket when Dudley pushed Embiid. While Embiid played innocent, Butler and Ben Simmons got into the mix before a mosh pit formed around the players.

Embiid, when healthy, has torched the Nets this series, including a monster outing on Saturday when he put up 31 points, 16 rebounds, seven assists and six blocks. His absence down the stretch could have resulted in the Nets securing a win rather than the Sixers taking a commanding lead in the series.

Brooklyn's beef with the officials grew when Simmons wasn't called for a shove on Allen, which resulted in JJ Redick's go-ahead 3-pointer with 50 seconds remaining.

During the Nets' penultimate possession of the game, Allen was wrapped up by Tobias Harris on a pick-and-roll play that allowed Simmons to get into position defensively and help force a turnover that iced Philadelphia's victory.

The NBA confirmed in its Last Two Minute Report that a foul should have been called on Harris, but that does little to change the fact that the Sixers are leading a 3-1 series rather than it being tied.

Nets head coach Kenny Atkinson made his dissatisfaction with the officials clear, especially with his team, an unnamed player told Newsday's Greg Logan.

"He basically said it will keep happening until the refs buy into the fact that the Nets are good," Logan tweeted.

The player went on to tell Logan that the NBA "is a business, and implied refs are aware of which teams they want to succeed. So, teams like the Nets trying to establish themselves are facing an uphill climb.

"But, let's say they sign a premier free agent. Watch how quickly it turns."

Expect the bad blood between the teams — along with the Nets and the officials — to carry into Game 5 tonight, which may result in a tightly-called game.

If played correctly, though, Embiid and Co. can use the Nets' frustration to completely take them out of the game and thus, the series, as long as they can properly toe the line between agitating and infracting.

Tip-off for Game 5 is at 8 p.m. ET and can be seen on NBC Sports Philadelphia or TNT.

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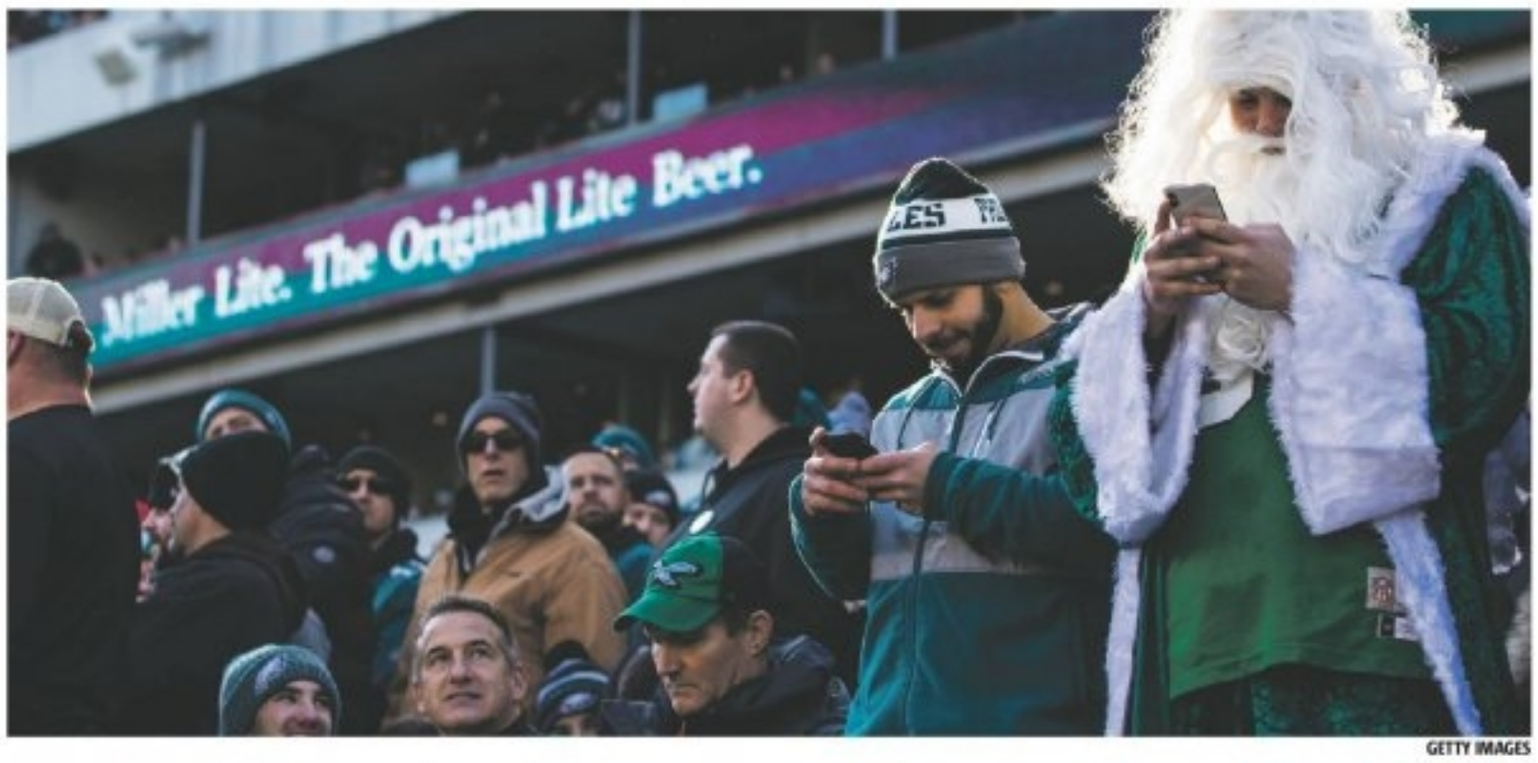

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The game is about to change in Pennsylvania.

After an exhaustive wait, online sports betting will be available in the state by mid-May and possibly as early as next week. It will begin with live testing of an app from one of the retail casinos that is already operating within the state.

The move to online is expected to bolster Pennsylvania's sports betting numbers, which have been healthy but far from overwhelming. It will certainly level the playing field for Pennsylvania with neighboring New Jersey, which has seen monster numbers having allowed mobile sports betting since last summer.

Over 80 percent of New Jersey's sports betting handle (the amount of money in wagers accepted) each month comes from the online sector. In New Jersey's first month with multiple online options, the state saw its gross revenue skyrocket by 161 percent and its handle jump by 92.3 percent.

It's easy to imagine Pennsylvania having similar success when most all of the sportsbooks/casinos in the state have an online option. Several sportsbooks already have online options built in from either quick-bet apps or parent companies already operating online in New Jersey or Nevada. For instance, SugarHouse already has an online option in New Jersey, as does FanDuel.

DraftKings, which has been running neck and neck for online supremacy in New Jersey, is also expected to join up with a land-based casino in the state soon, though its options are currently slim. For instance, Parx Casino will trot out its own app and Harrah's will operate under the Caesars brand.

"New Jersey was obviously really ambitious with its timeline," DraftKings CRO Matt Kalish told MetroBet. "They wanted to establish themselves as a leader in sports betting that the rest of the country could follow. Within two months they acted quickly and were approving products like our sportsbook … With the rest of the country we know it's going to develop over a few years. The idea of a mobile sportsbook is a relatively new concept in the United States. In some ways it's good that the process is deliberate to get the regulations right, to get the consumer protection right, and right now we're seeing these states do their due diligence."

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Sixers vs. Nets Game 5

The Nets have posted a 5-2 record to the Over in their last seven games where they faced a team with a winning record and they have gone an excellent 29-12 to the Over in their last 41 on the road versus a team with a winning record at home. The Sixers have been an Over team as well in the spot they are in tonight as they have gone up and over the number in eight of their last 11 games following a straight-up win. Throw in the fact that these two teams have gone 6-2 to the Over in their last eight head-to-head meetings at Wells Fargo and that's where we'll have our play.

THE PICK:
Nets–Sixers Over 230

Sports betting 101: Common mistakes

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Whether you are new on the sports betting scene or a seasoned bettor who can't figure out why you are consistently in the red, we are here to help. Here are the some of the most common sports betting faux pas:

Emotional betting
Betting with your heart is a trap for many sports bettors. The urge to bet on your favorite team because you are going to the game can be deadly. Pay attention to the odds and understand going in that you'll rarely get an edge by backing the home team in a state where sports betting is legal. Don't let your emotions rule your decision making. And if you can't bet against the home team, sit the game out.

Bankroll mismanagement
Known as the "BR" in inner circles, keeping track of your bankroll and establishing bet size guidelines is a rare trait of a sports bettor. Your bankroll is disposable income that is set aside for the purpose of betting — just like you would spend money playing a round of golf or going to the movies. It's money you can afford to lose, albeit money you don't want to lose. Once you establish the amount of your bankroll, set a bet size limit for each wager. Most successful bettors don't wager more than 5 percent of their total bankroll on any one game.

Chasing losses
Sports betting is essentially a game unto itself. Made up of wins and losses, your profit and loss can swing massively, even when applying the above BR management rules. Trying to recoup lost money by betting larger sums or by betting on more games is a common mistake.

"The home teams in the early games and away teams in the late games" has been muttered many times on an NFL Sunday. Be smart and consistent with your bet size and avoid "doubling down to catch up."

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Betting breakdown of the NBA playoffs

After missing an opportunity Saturday to equalize their NBA Eastern Conference first-round series with the Sixers, the Nets will now have their backs to the wall until it's over.

Betting markets think it will be over tonight. Barring late developments, Philadelphia should close as a favorite near -8 points, with a no-vig moneyline suggesting a 75 percent win probability. Even if the Nets spring a Game 5 upset, the Sixers would be a short road favorite in Game 6 and then prohibitive favorites if a seventh game were needed in Philadelphia.

On Sunday, the Westgate in Las Vegas posted Philadelphia at -10000 to win the series (bettors must risk $10K to win $100), Brooklyn is at +2000 to rally all the way back to advance (risk $100 to win $2K).

Brooklyn owned riding time for most of Saturday's 48 minutes. The Nets couldn't win even, though.

*Philadelphia had its lowest free throw production of the series, making just 16 from the charity stripe after tallying 29, 26, and 30 in the first three games.

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*Philadelphia had its highest turnover count of the series, losing the ball 18 times after just 13, 12, and 16 miscues.

*Philadelphia had its second-worst 3-point performance of the series. Shooting 8 of 26 was better than the woeful 3 of 25 in the opener, but a fall from 9/23 and 11/27 in their other victories. (Note that all of those were factors keeping the scoring total of 220 under the market Over/Under of 231. Two Overs and two Unders so far this series, with a volatile sequence of 213, 268, 246, and 220.)

How did the Sixers win Game 5? The same way they've established dominance through the series. Two-point shooting and rebounding. Philadelphia outshot Brooklyn 58 percent to 46 percent inside the arc (biggest edge thus far), while winning the battle of the boards 56-42 (49-32 and 54-43 in earlier victories).

JEFF FOGLE

Sports on TV Highlights

8:00 pm	**NBA Basketball** Brooklyn Nets vs. Philadelphia 76ers	NBC Sports Philadelphia
7:00 pm	**MLB Baseball** Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Mets	NBC Sports Philadelphia +
7:00 pm	**NHL Hockey** Toronto Maple Leafs vs. Boston Bruins	NBC Sports Network
7:00 pm	**NBA Basketball** Orlando Magic vs. Toronto Raptors	NBA TV
9:30 pm	**NBA Basketball** San Antonio Spurs vs. Denver Nuggets	NBA TV
10:00 pm	**NHL Hockey** Vegas Golden Knights vs. San Jose Sharks	NBC Sports Network

Sixers and Phillies betting previews

MetroBet breaks down the two games on the Philly sports slate for Tuesday.

Nets vs. 76ers
Moneyline: Nets +290, Sixers -360
Betting Total: 230 points

The Sixers go for the series-clinching victory in front of the Wells Fargo faithful against the Brooklyn Nets on Tuesday night. The Sixers are considerable favorites in Game 5 but should be able to get the job done for their backers.

The Sixers have covered in each of their last three games in order to take a stranglehold in the series. They're shooting 51.4 percent in that span. By contrast, the Nets have made just 42.8 percent of their shots since upsetting Philadelphia in Game 1.

Phillies vs. Mets

Citi Field is one of the more pitcher-friendly parks in the major leagues, but the Over looks like a good bet in the middle portion of a three-game series between the Phillies and Mets. Four Phillies batters in the series sport an OPS above 1.000 for Philadelphia. Mets first baseman and rookie phenom Pete Alonso boasts a 1.338 OPS, and right fielder Michael Conforto's is 1.192.

Zach Eflin (2-2, 3.68 ERA) takes the hill for the Phillies, and he's 2-3 with a 5.25 ERA in his last seven starts (36 innings) against New York. Zack Wheeler (1-2, 6.35 ERA), who's struggled with command (1.57 SO/W ratio) as well as run prevention this season, counters for the Amazins.

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NBA

BROOKLYN NETS VS. PHILADELPHIA 76ERS -8

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MLB

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MCNABB FUMBLES AGAIN WITH WENTZ COMMENTS

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Donovan McNabb isn't making friends in Philly after his comments on Carson Wentz. GETTY IMAGES

After 20 years, Donovan McNabb still hasn't gotten over being booed at the NFL draft.

At least, that's what I surmise from the latest batch of horse manure emanating from the former quarterback's mouth.

McNabb went on the radio over the weekend and threw shade at Carson Wentz, the guy currently holding No. 5's old job.

"I think, personally, if he can't get out of the second round in the next two years, to be honest with you . . . they should look to possibly draft another quarterback, because you just don't know about his durability," McNabb told Zach Gelb of CBS Sports Radio.

"The team only goes as far as their quarterback takes them. And they put so many eggs in the basket with Carson Wentz and he has to prove that in the next two years."

Wentz's durability is fair game for debate. But arguing the Birds must look elsewhere if the team fails to reach the NFC title game by 2020 is inane. For one, franchise quarterbacks don't turn up with the snap of a finger. The Eagles believe in Wentz. They traded up for him in 2016 and will extend his contract before McNabb's contrived deadline.

Secondly, resting all the blame on a quarterback for a team's failure is simplistic. McNabb, of all people, knows that. During his playing days, he had a curious habit of declaring he would take responsibility while simultaneously pointing at teammates.

I'm no mind reader, but I watched McNabb long enough to assess his motivation here. I'll boil it down to three points:

1. McNabb is proud of his 11 Eagles seasons and wants to be regarded as the greatest quarterback in modern franchise history. Wentz's success would threaten that status.

2. Let's face it, McNabb is still bitter over being booed at the 1999 draft. The 2016 pick of Wentz, meanwhile, was cheered by ecstatic Eagles fans. While Donovan may claim, "No. 5 will always love you," he's not above trying to prod a little angst from the locals.

3. McNabb's personal and legal issues in recent years cost him his media gigs. Maybe he's hoping to get back into a studio somewhere by bloviating in a way guaranteed to draw attention.

In the current TV talking-head world, a hot take is more revered than a smart take. And so it was that McNabb's digs at Wentz drew the attention of braying jackass Skip Bayless, who took to Twitter to declare: "Donovan McNabb is absolutely right about Carson Wentz."

Perhaps not recognizing Bayless as an enemy of the state — as well as a consistent Wentz needler — McNabb tweeted back his thanks for the support. Yeesh. Nice friend, Donovan.

It all drew the attention of Eagles fans — and players. Late Sunday night, tackle Lane Johnson tweeted to McNabb: "And you wonder why nobody respects you when you come back!" The message was accompanied by six snake emojis.

Look, Eagles fans have always had a complex relationship with McNabb. Most admire his excellence as a player, but cringe whenever he opens his mouth. For a communications major from Syracuse, he trips over his tongue a lot.

When the Eagles retired McNabb's jersey in 2013, he relished the embrace and talked of being a senior statesman for the franchise. Snarky remarks about the current quarterback certainly don't fulfill that role.

You could argue he's being honest here. But if he believes the claptrap he's spewing, he's full of beans. Or, as I said, he's got motive for this nonsense. The whole thing almost makes you want to barf.

Okay, now that was a cheap shot.

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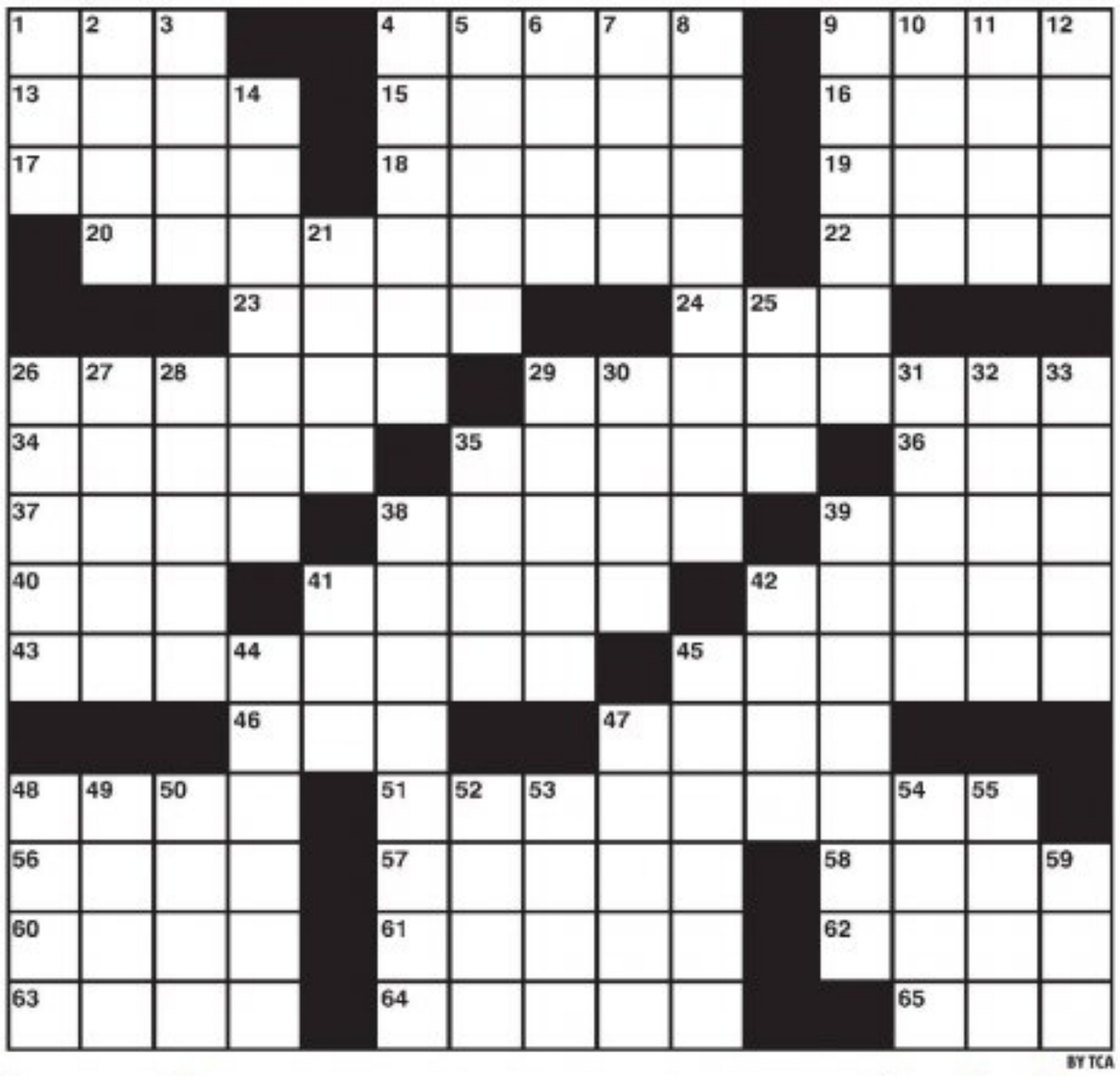

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